

# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH CARE.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that rural hospitals are essential components of the State's health care system. Maintaining acute, long-term, and emergency services in areas like the north shore of Oahu is essential to ensure access to health care among community residents and timely access to emergent care for visitors. The loss of Kahuku medical center's designation as a critical access hospital would endanger its ability to provide these services to residents and visitors on the north shore.

10       The purpose of this Act is to designate Kahuku medical  
11 center as a rural hospital for the purposes of maintaining its  
12 critical access hospital designation.

13           SECTION 2. Chapter 346, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
14 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
15 and to read as follows:

16           "§346-       Kahuku medical center.   The Kahuku medical center  
17   shall be designated as a rural hospital.   The rural hospital  
18   designation shall remain in effect until                   , at which



1 time the designation shall be reevaluated and extended if  
2 appropriate."

3 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

4 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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**Report Title:**

Rural Hospital; Critical Access Hospital; Kahuku Medical Center

**Description:**

Designates the Kahuku medical center as a rural hospital. (SD1)

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